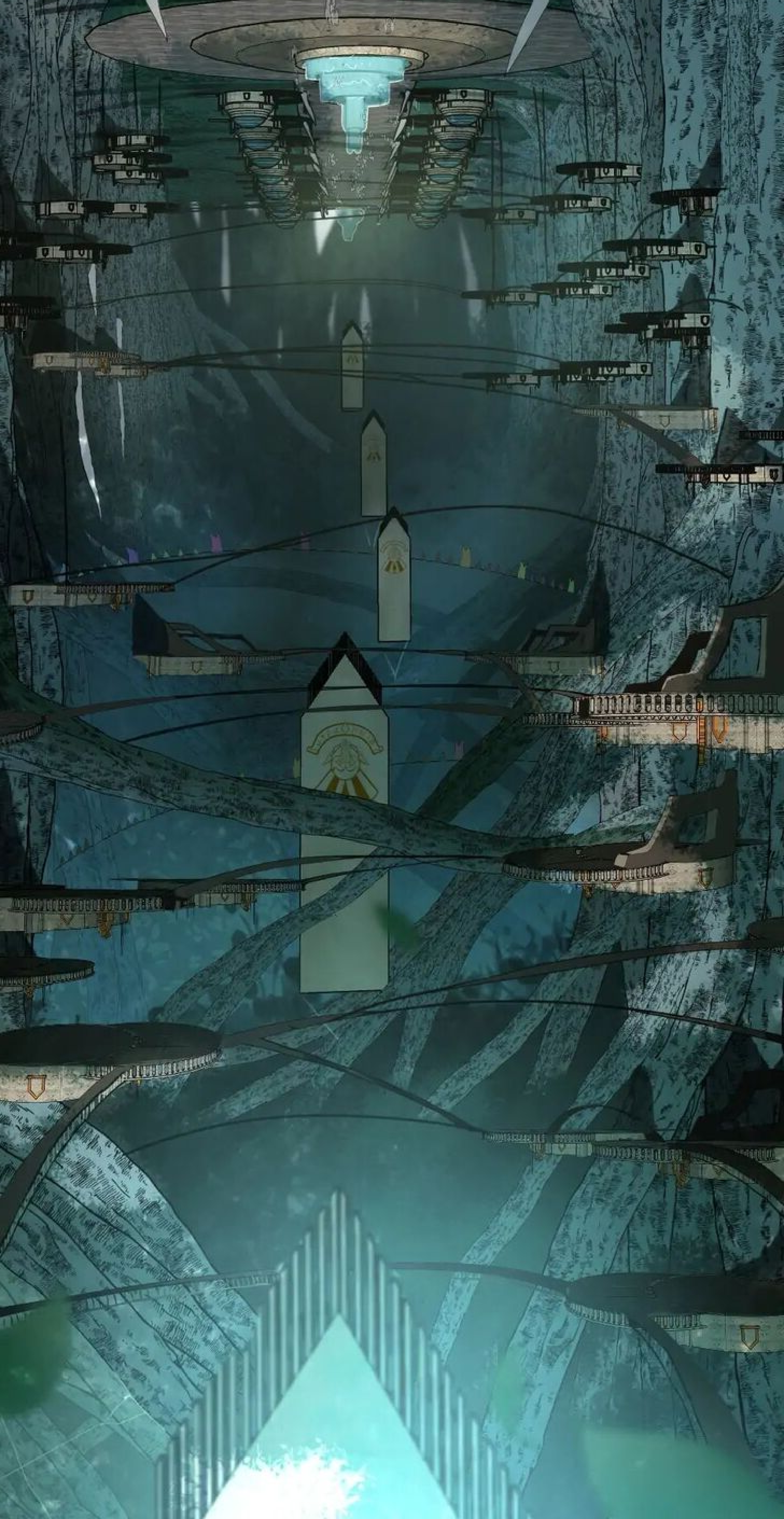
THUD!

UGH...
I HATE THESE
TELEPORTATION
GATES.

WE'RE HERE!



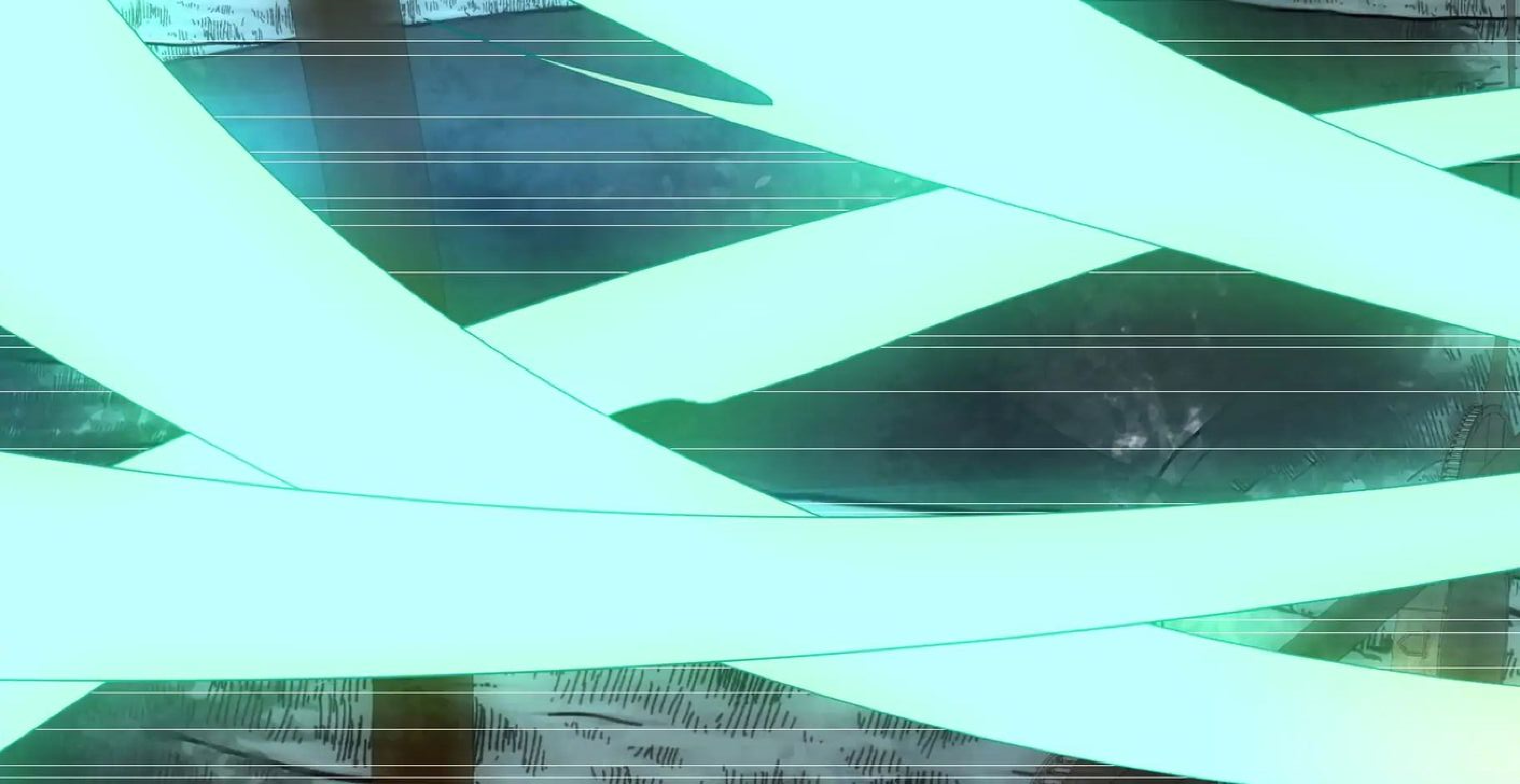
PRISTINE.

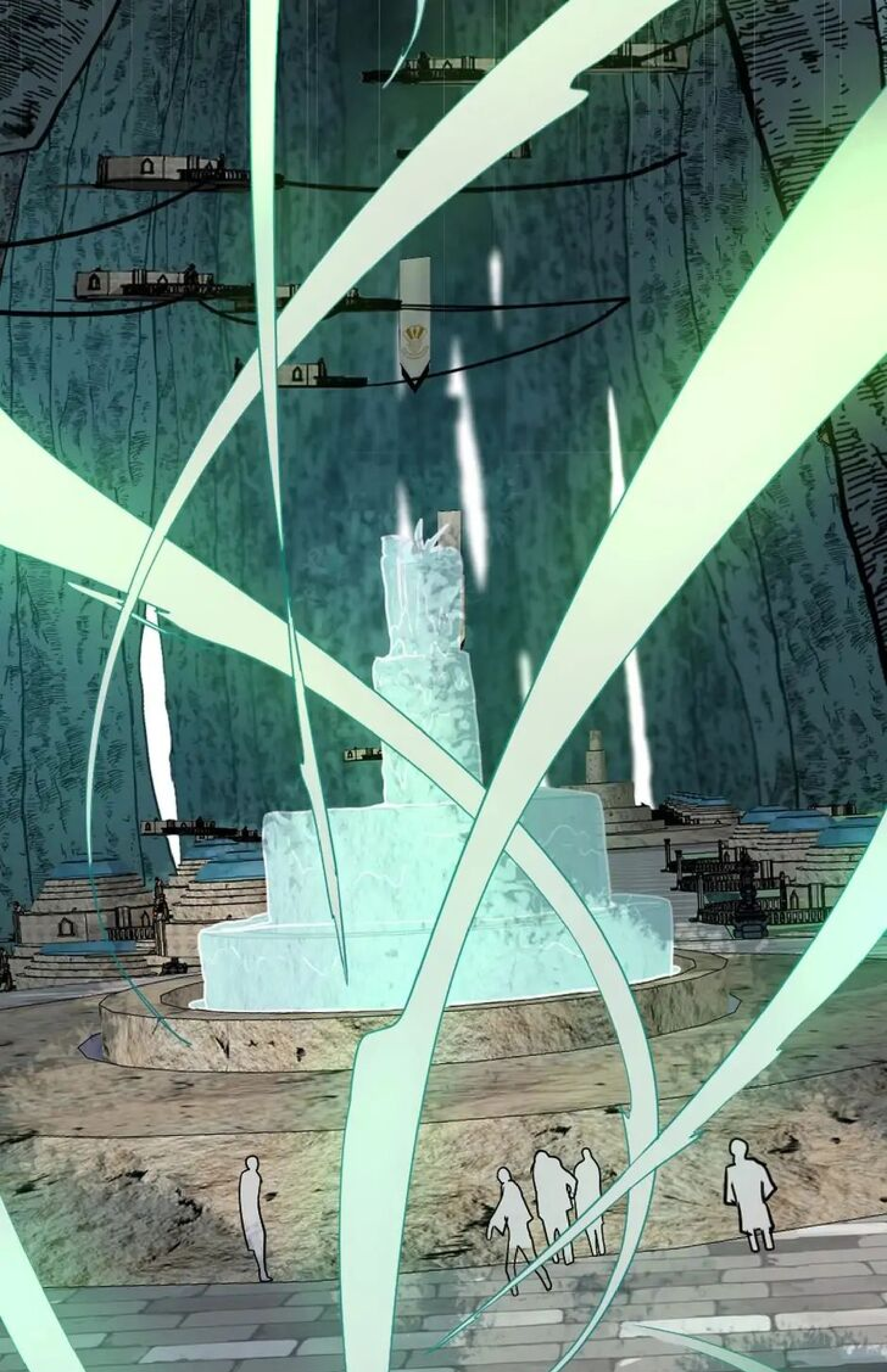
THAT

THAT
WAS THE
ONLY WORD
THAT CAME
TO MIND...

AND EVEN
THAT DIDN'T DO
THE SCENE IN FRONT
OF ME JUSTICE.

TEN
OF!





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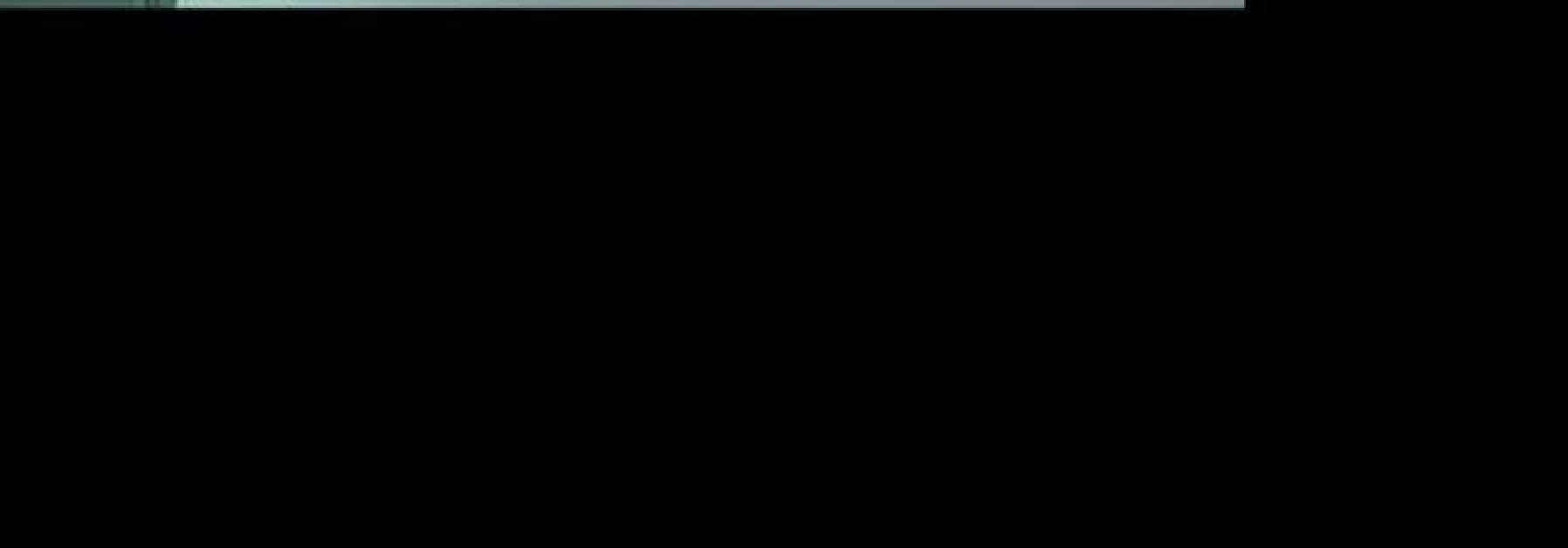
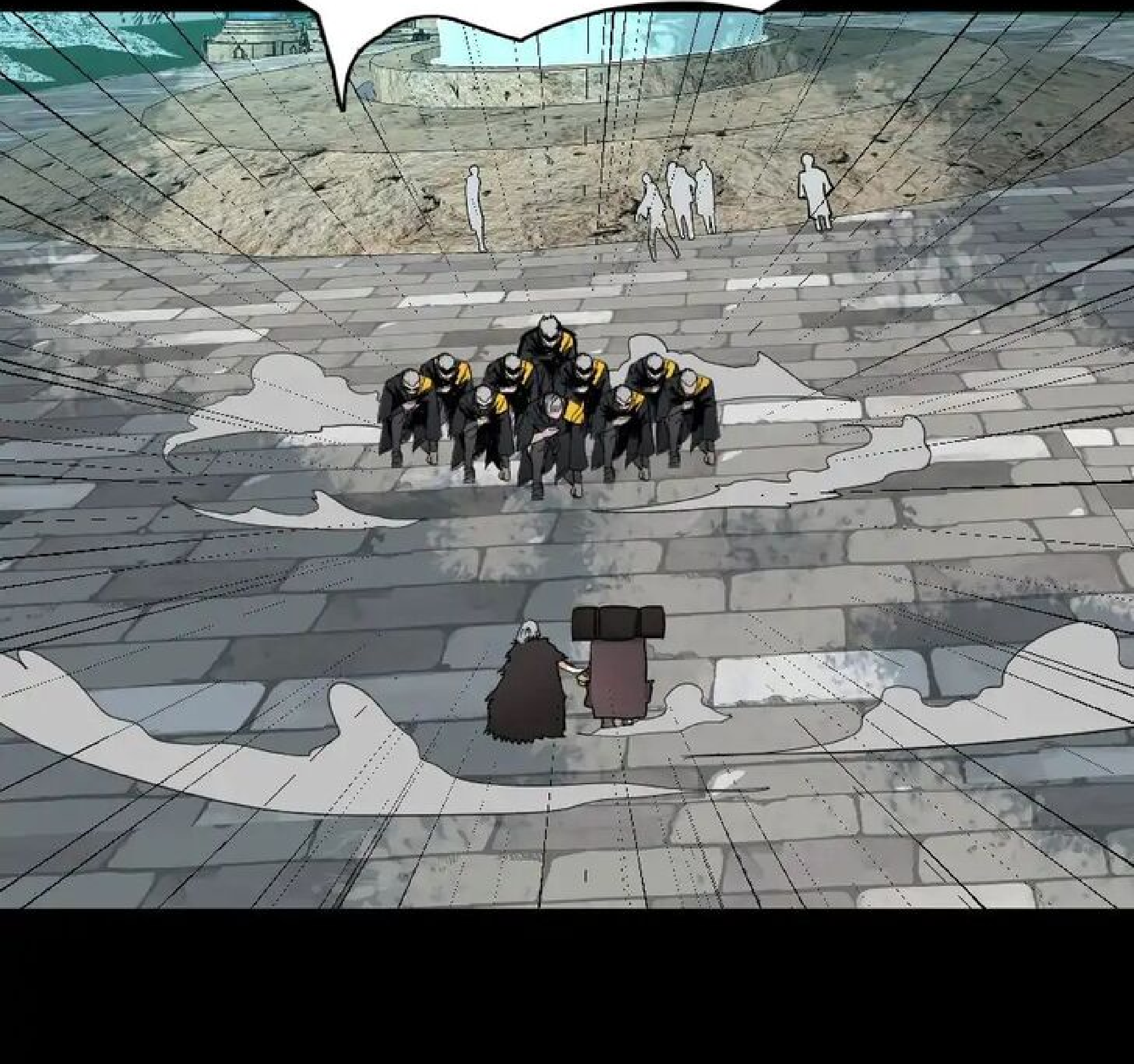


WE WELCOME BACK
THE ROYAL PRINCESS!



WHERE?
HERE?
WHO?

YOU?

NOD

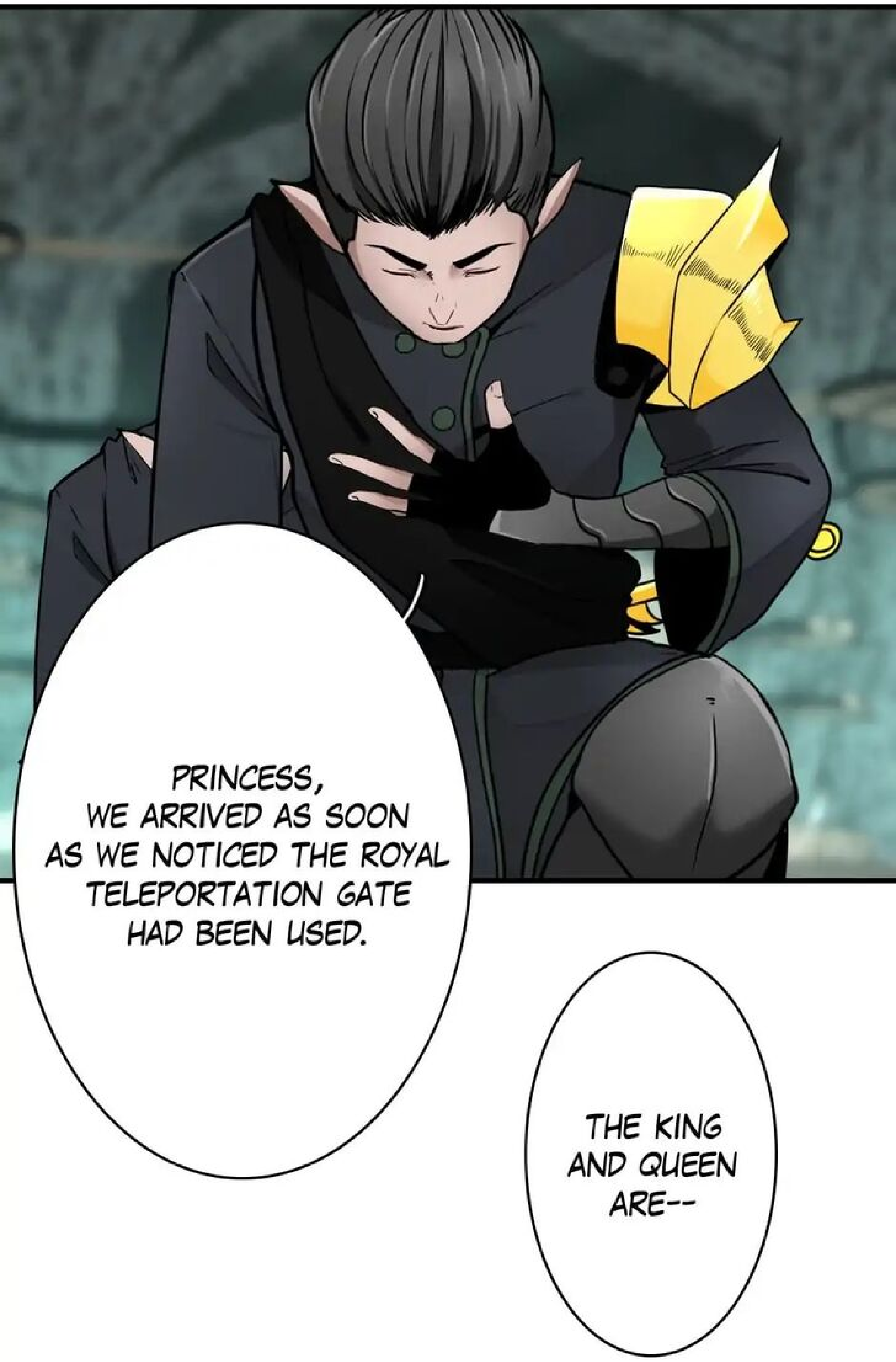
STORY BY
TURTLEME

ART BY
FUYUKI23

PRESENTED BY
TAPAS MEDIA

QUALITY CONTROL BY
KISAI ENTERTAINMENT

COLOR ASSISTANT
PLOWPLO


PRINCESS,
WE ARRIVED AS SOON
AS WE NOTICED THE ROYAL
TELEPORTATION GATE
HAD BEEN USED.
THE KING
AND QUEEN
ARE--

MY BABY!
TESSIA, YOU'RE
OKAY!

ALDUIN ERALITH
KING OF ELENOIR

MERIAL ERALITH
QUEEN OF ELENOIR

TAK

VIRION ERALITH

A NAME NOTED IN EVERY HISTORY BOOK.

THE FORMER KING OF ELENOIR, WHO LED THE LAST WAR AGAINST THE HUMANS OF THE SAPIN KINGDOM.

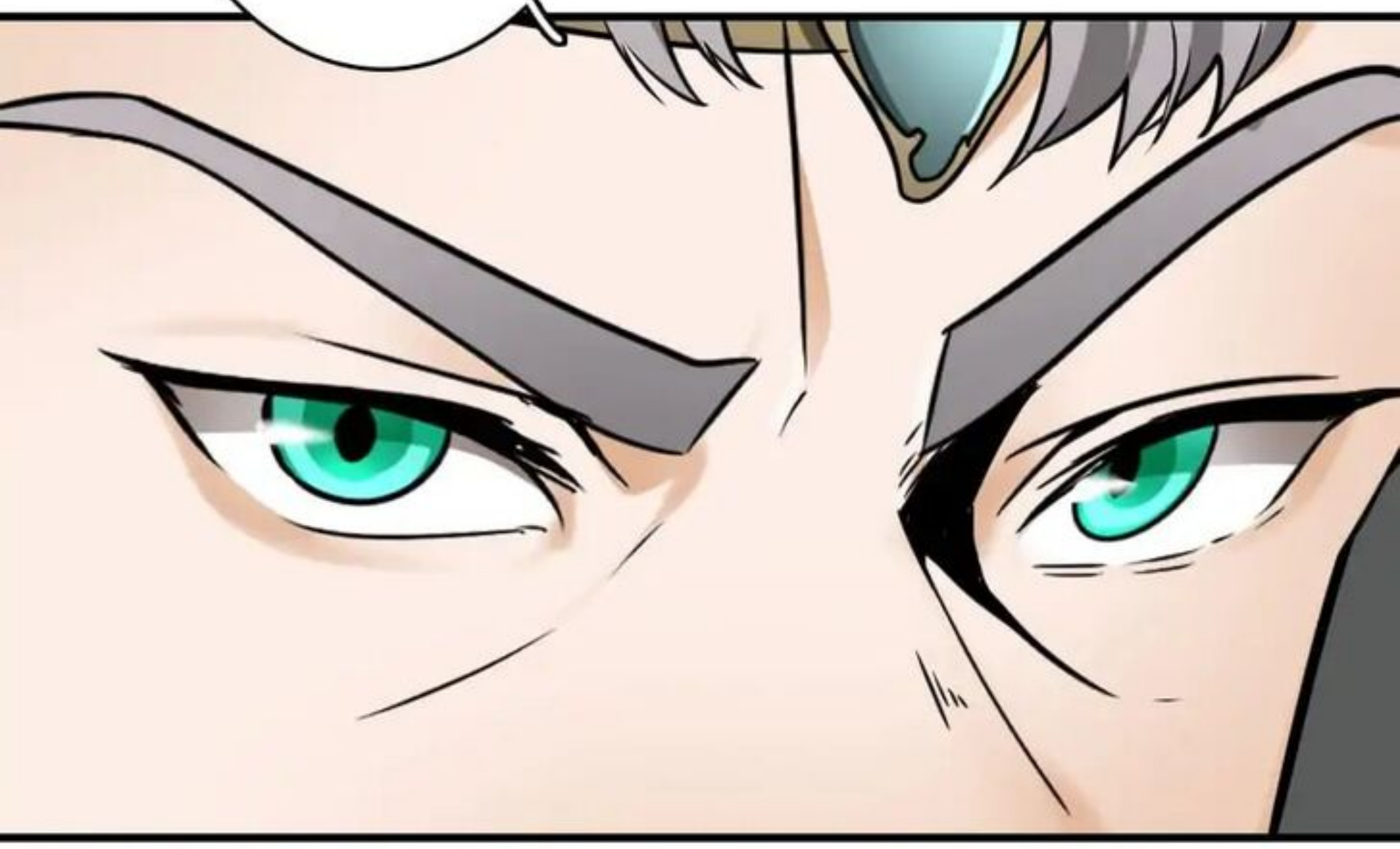
I WONDER
IF MOTHER AND
FATHER WILL REACT
LIKE THIS WHEN
THEY SEE
ME...

THANK YOU, CHILD. NOT JUST AS THE KING OF ELENOIR, BUT AS THIS LITTLE ONE'S FATHER.

AS A SMALL GESTURE OF GRATITUDE FOR HELPING TESSIA ARRIVE HOME SAFELY, PLEASE ACCOMPANY US TO OUR HOME.

YOU CAN GET SOME REST AND AFTER

AND AFTER,
PLEASE TELL US
WHAT HAPPENED.

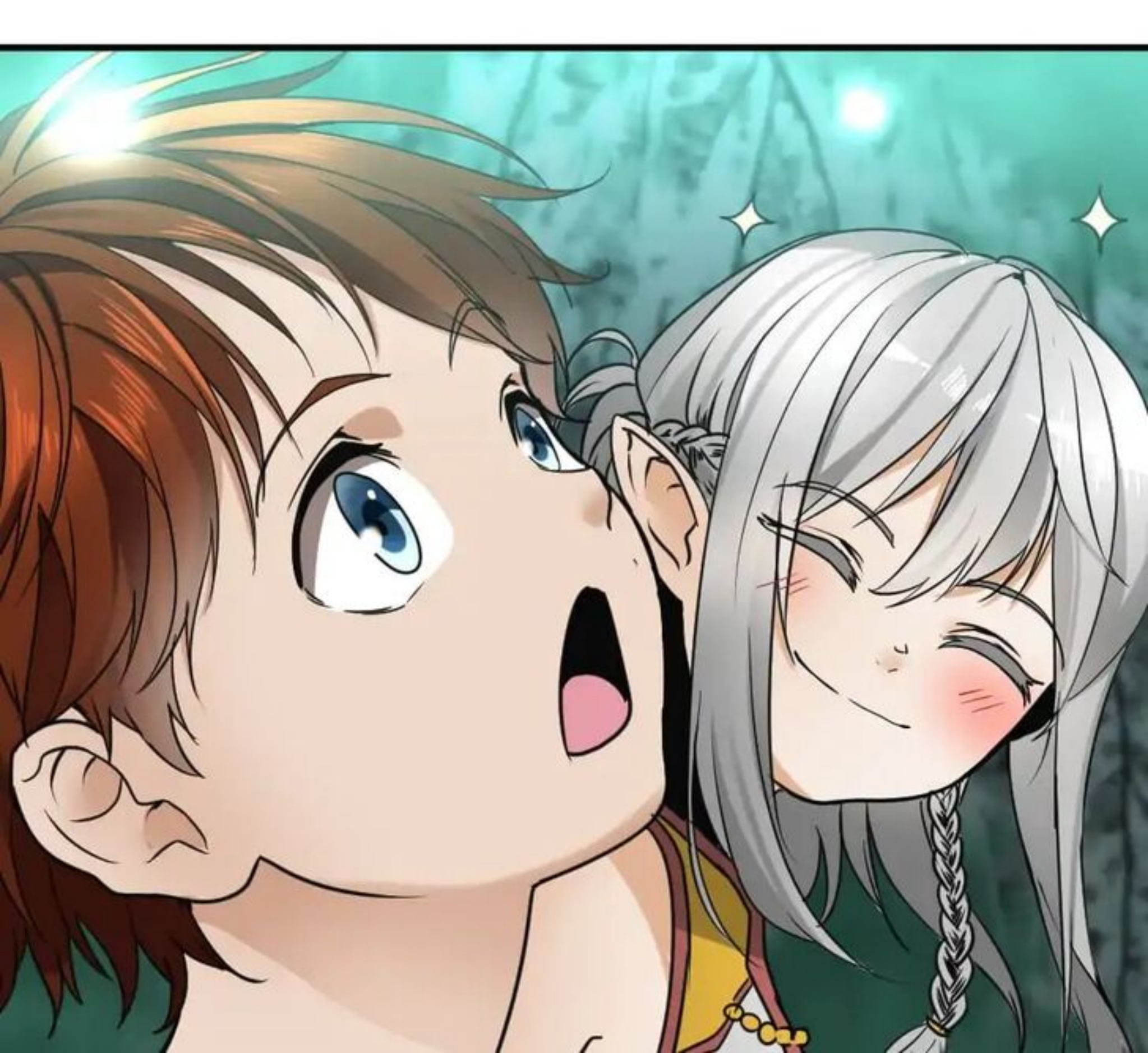


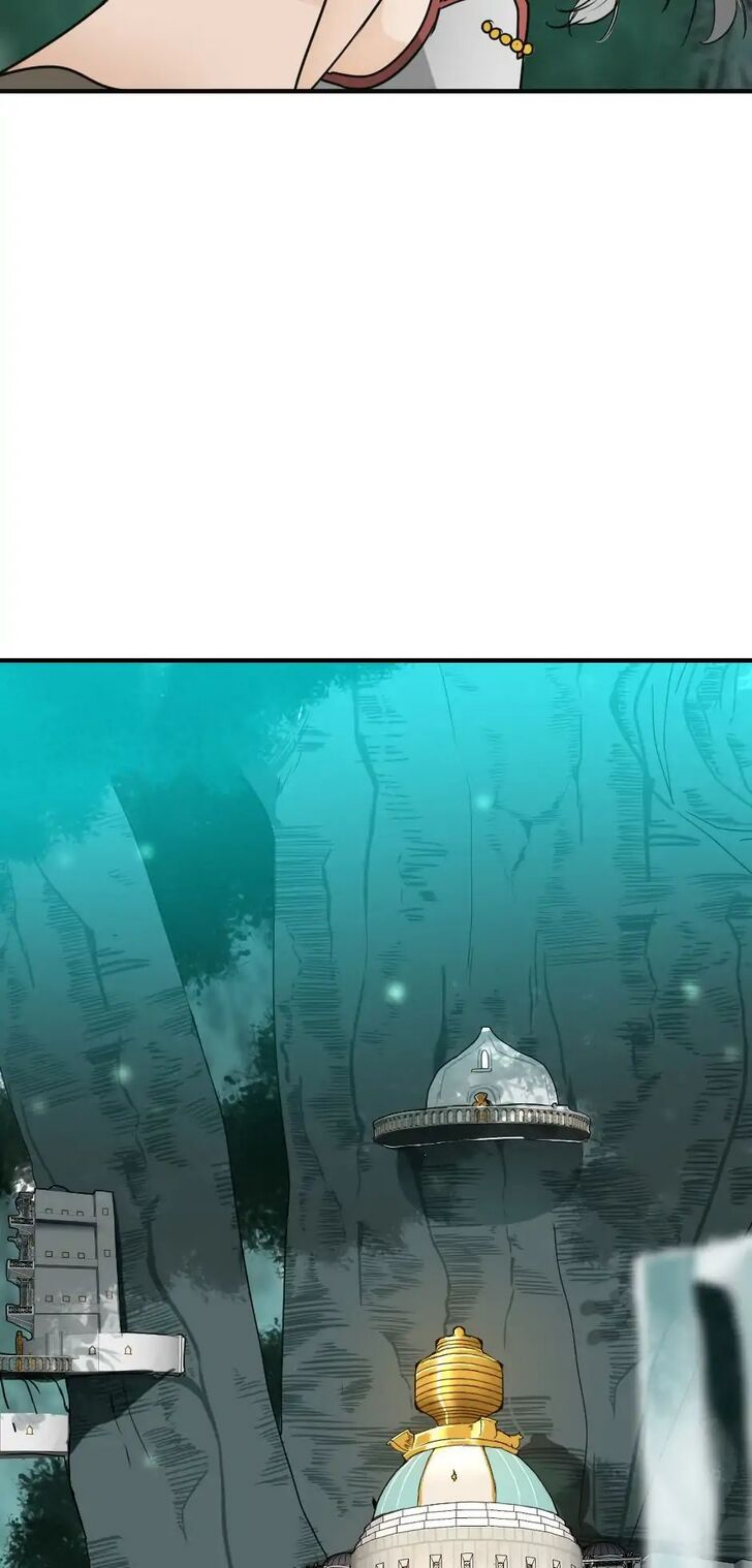
HIS TONE
IS GENTLE, BUT
HIS EYES SHOW
THAT THIS ISN'T
AN OFFER. IT'S
AN ORDER.

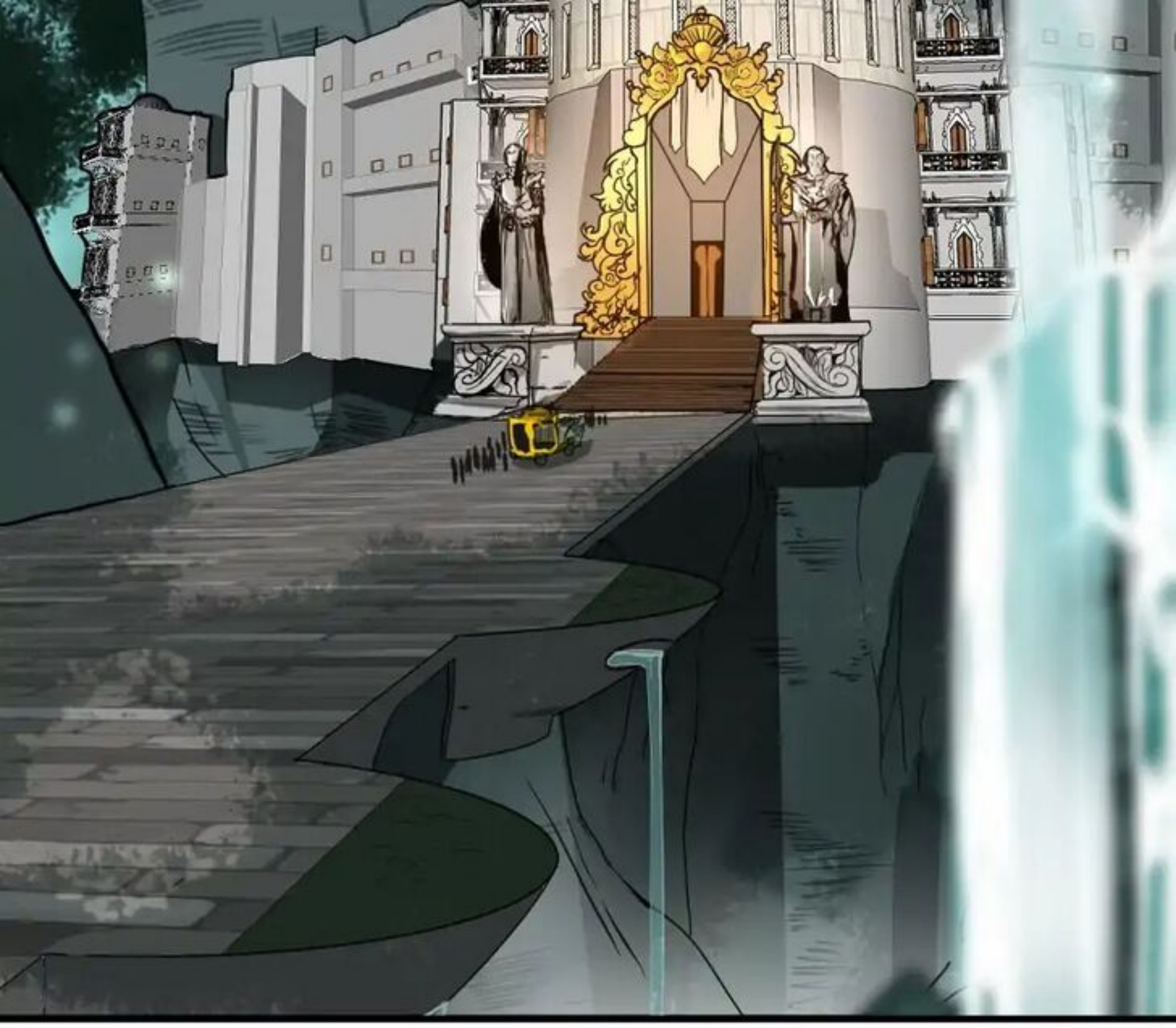
I'M HONORED.

LET'S GO!
THERE'S A LOT
I WANT YOU
TO SEE!

I SOMEWHAT EXPECTED AN IMPRESSIVE CASTLE AFTER LEARNING THAT TESS WAS A PRINCESS, BUT...







UGH...
WHAT SORT OF CORNY NOVEL DID I WIND UP INSIDE...?

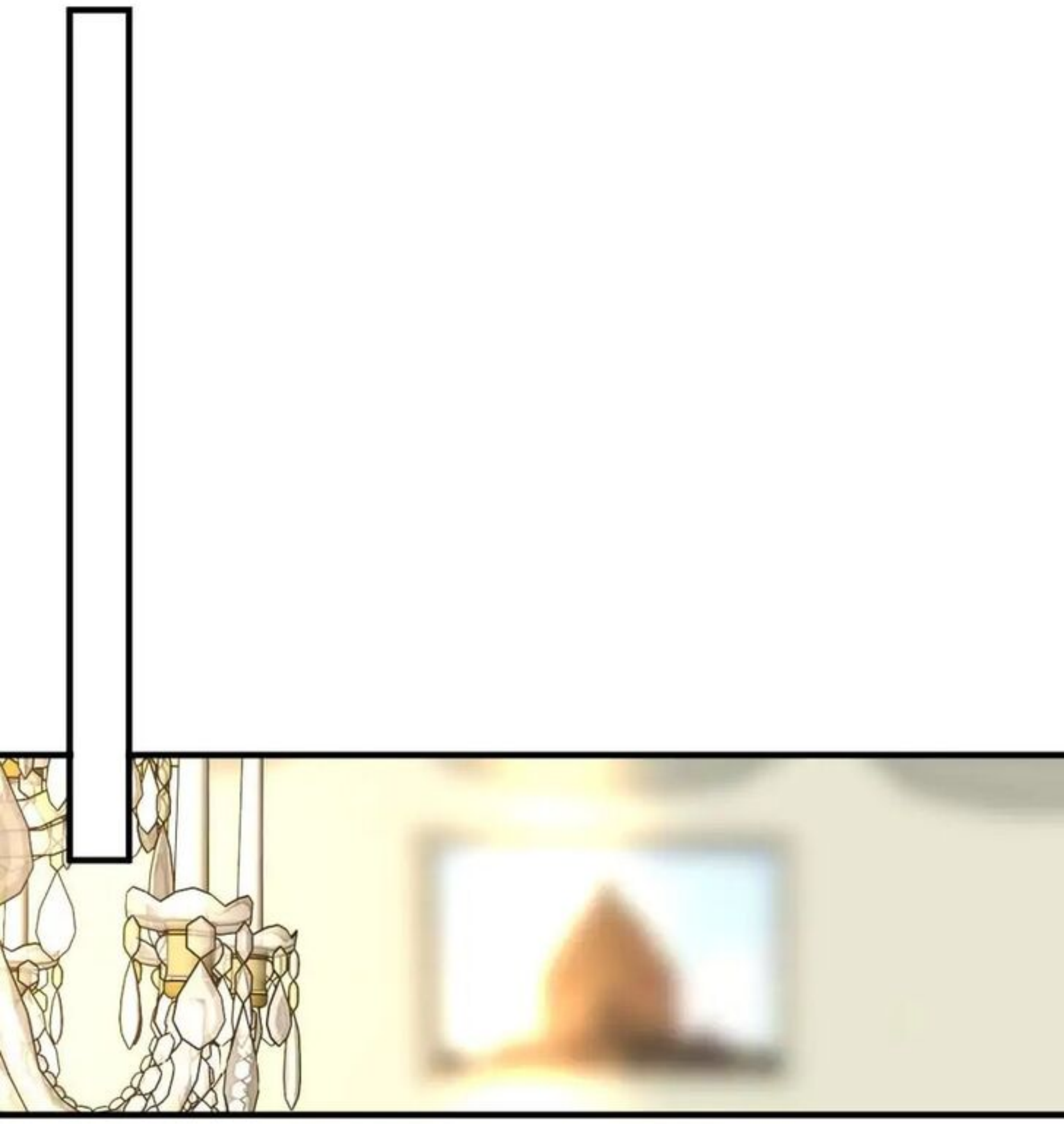
THIS CHILD
IS OUR GUEST.
PLEASE GET HIM
WASHED UP AND

INTO A ROOM TO REST.

THANK YOU, BUT ...

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN

WHAT HAPPENED FIRST.

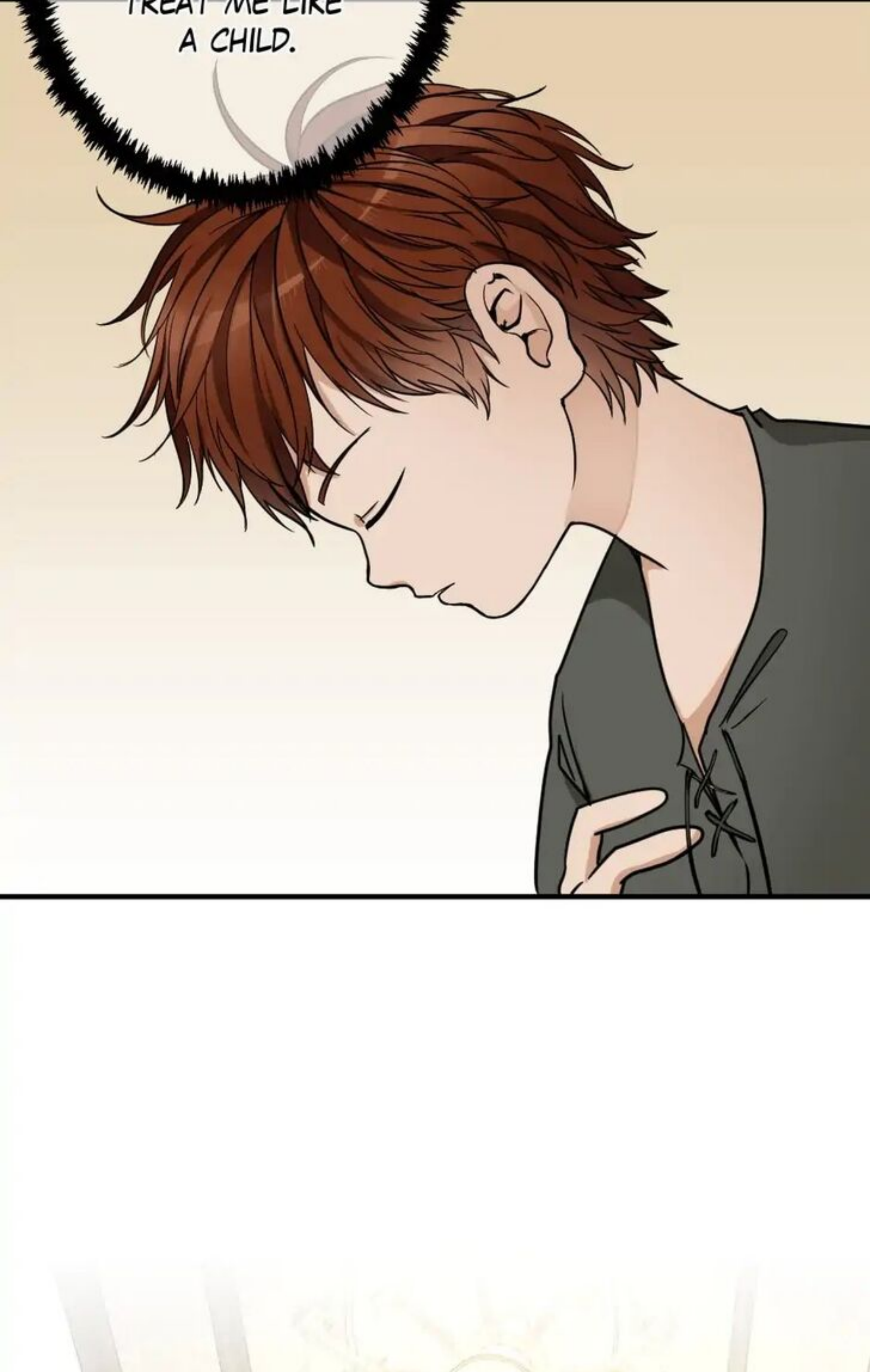


MY NAME IS ARTHUR LEYWIN, FROM A HUMBLE TOWN IN THE KINGDOM OF SAPIN.

IT IS AN HONOR TO BE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ROYAL

FAMILY.

A LITTLE OVER THE TOP FOR AN INTRODUCTION, BUT DISCUSSION ISN'T GOING TO PROGRESS IF THEY TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD.



DESPITE YOU CLAIMING TO BE FROM HUMBLE ORIGINS, YOU SEEM RATHER MATURE AND WELL-EDUCATED, ARTHUR LEYWIN.

VERY WELL, I'D LIKE TO

I'D LIKE TO HEAR WHAT HAPPENED.

AND SO, I RECOUNTED MY JOURNEY STARTING FROM A VAGUE ACCOUNT STATING THAT I HAD GOTTEN SEPARATED FROM MY FAMILY AFTER RUNNING INTO BANDITS.

IT WASN'T
A LIE, BUT A
HALF-TRUTH.

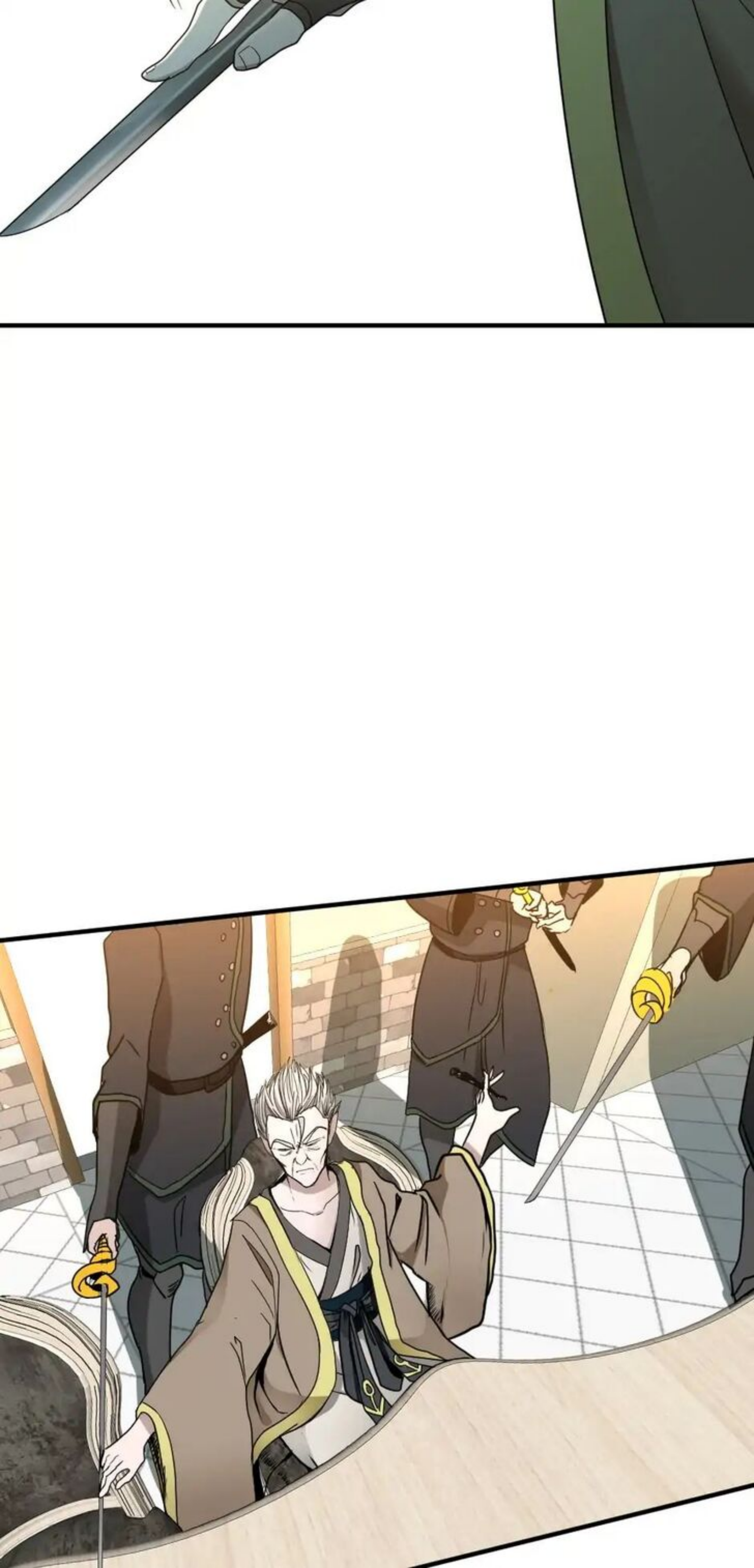
INEVITABLY, AS THE STORY PROGRESSED TO WHEN I HAD RUN INTO THEIR DAUGHTER, THE ATMOSPHERE SHIFTED.

BAAM!
SLAVE TRADERS!
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN IT WAS HUMANS!

WITHOUT DISRESPECT,

SLAVE TRADING IS A PROFESSION, NOT A RACE, KING ALDUIN.

SHIING!



SO, YOU SAW THESE SLAVE TRADERS TAKE MY GRAND-DAUGHTER AND YOU, AS A CHILD, WHAT...

NEGOTIATED WITH THEM? BEGGED THEM FOR MERCY?

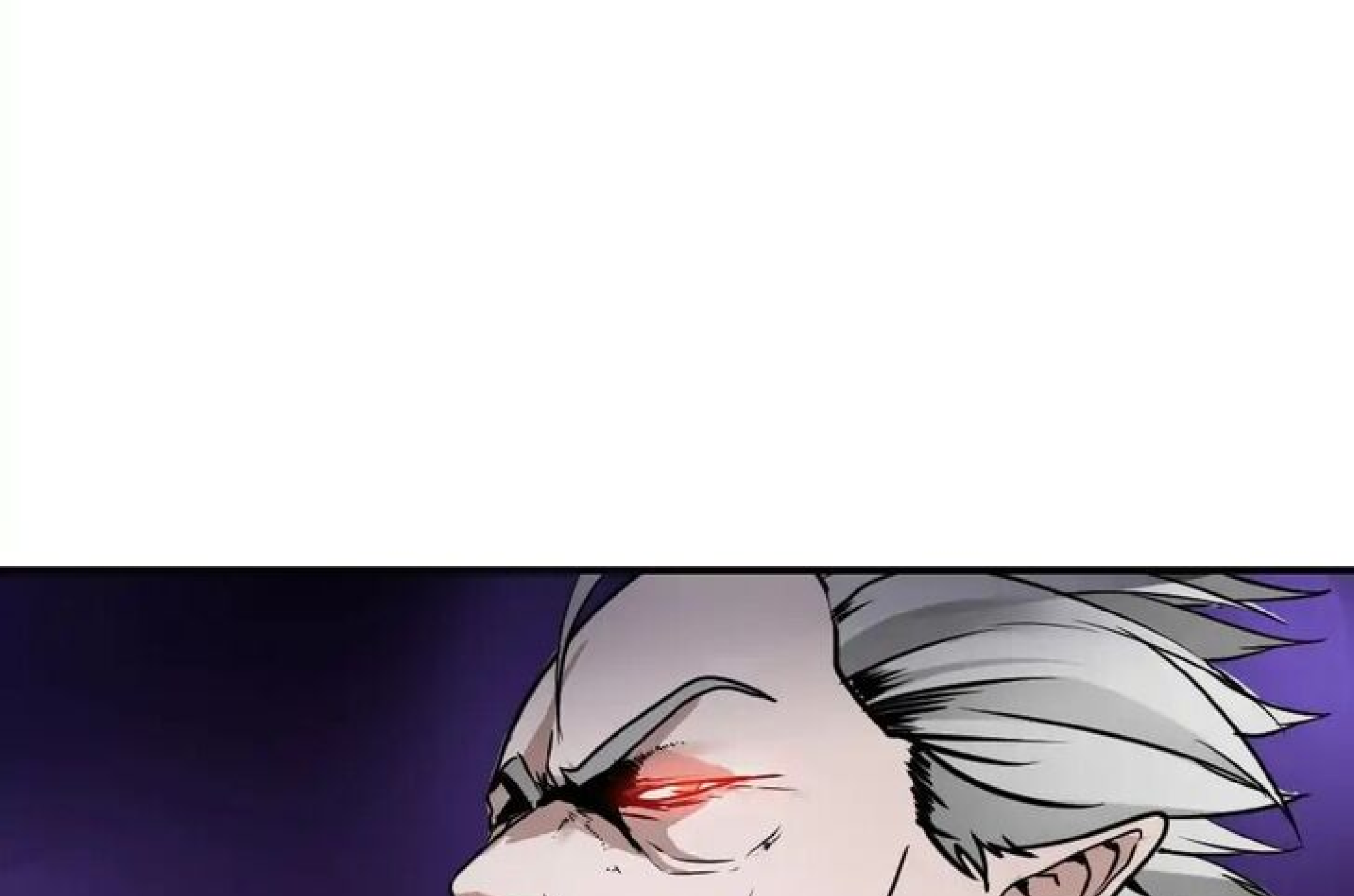
NO, ELDER VIRION.

WHILE I AM A CHILD, I AM ALSO A MAGE.

I ELIMINATED THE SLAVE TRADERS AND RESCUED YOUR GRANDDAUGHTER.

HOW DARE YOU SPOUT SUCH LIES IN FRONT OF--

SHIING!



REGARDLESS OF WHETHER ANYONE BELIEVES ME,

TESS-- PRINCESS TESSIA HAS BEEN RETURNED

SAFELY.

ALL I WISH
FOR NOW IS TO
RETURN BACK
TO MY FAMILY
IN SAPIN.